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LEGAL REFERENCES

82A-1202. AGENCIES ABOLISHED - functions transferred to Department. The Montana Law Enforcement Academy Advisory Board, provided for in Title 75, chapter 52, R.C.M., 1947, is abolished and its functions are transferred to the department. Unless inconsistent with this act, any reference in the Revised Codes of Montana, 1947, to the Montana Law Enforcement Academy Advisory Board means the Department of Justice.

75-5201. ACT, HOW CITED. This act may be cited as the "Montana Law Enforcement Academy Act."

75-5202. PURPOSE. The purpose of this act shall be to establish a Montana Law Enforcement Academy to provide Montana law enforcement officers with a means of securing additional training in the field of law enforcement.

75-5203. ESTABLISHMENT OF MONTANA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY. There is hereby established a Montana, Law Enforcement Academy to be located at one of the units of the university of Montana, which unit shall be selected in the manner hereinafter provided. This academy shall be in session for a period to be annually determined by the advisory board.

75-5204. ELIGIBILITY. All bona fide Montana law enforcement officers shall be eligible to apply for admission to this academy.

75-5205. ADVISORY BOARD. The Montana law enforcement academy shall be governed by an advisory board composed of one representative of each of the following organizations or departments to be appointed by the president, chief executive or officer in charge of each of the following departments or organizations: The Montana sheriffs and peace officers association, the attorney general's office, the Montana municipal league, the Montana county commissioners association, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Montana police protective association, the Montana highway patrol, the Montana fish and game commission, the Montana livestock commission, the tribal police of one of the Indian reservations located in Montana, and that unit of the university of Montana selected as a site The representative appointed by the Montana for the academy. livestock commission shall be a duly appointed stock inspector

or detective. The tribal policeman serving on the advisory board each year will be a member of the reservation that is designated for representation by a majority of the advisory board. The representative of the university unit shall be selected after the site has been determined by the other members of the Montana Law Enforcement Academy advisory board. The members of the advisory board shall be appointed for a term of one year and shall serve without compensation.

75-5206. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE MONTANA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY ADVISORY BOARD. The Montana Law Enforcement Academy advisory board shall have the power and it shall be its duty to:

- 1. Establish rules and regulations for the government and conduct of the advisory board.
- 2. Choose a site for the Montana Law Enforcement Academy at the unit of the university system of Montana which in the determination of the board is best suited for the needs of the academy.

3. Establish qualifications for admission to the academy.

- 4. Select from among the qualified applicants those officers who are to attend the academy each year.
- 5. Determine the curriculum and methods of training for the officers attending the academy.
- 6. Select and hire such staff as it deems necessary to implement this act.
 - 7. Establish rules for the conduct of the officers at the academy.
- 8. Award appropriate certificates to the officers who successfully complete their training; which certificate shall be signed by the president of the selected university unit.
- 9. Provide for the keeping of permanent records of enrollment, attendance, graduation and such other records as the board may deem necessary.
- 10. Make a yearly report in writing of the activities of the academy. Copies of this report shall be sent to the governor, attorney general, and secretary of state of the state of Montana.
- 11. Do all other things necessary desirable for the establishment and operation of the academy not inconsistent with this act or the constitution and statutes of the state of Montana.
- 12. Accept and expend grants from federal, state, county and city governments or private persons, associations or corporations.

75-5207. RIGHTS OF OFFICERS ATTENDING ACADEMY. All officers shall be paid their regular salary during their attendance at the academy, and time spent in such attendance shall not be deducted from the vacation to which any attending officer is entitled. No officer shall lose any pension, seniority or other rights by reason of attendance at the academy.

75-5208. EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS. The expenditure of funds by any city, town, municipality or county for the board, room and travel expenses of the officers attending the academy shall be a lawful expenditure.

Program Goal

The enhance and improve the image and profession law enforcement in Montana through education and training.

Program Objectives

- 1. To provide uniform high quality training and education to law enforcement personnel based upon the various training needs as indicated by the communications received from individual departments as well as recent Supreme Court decisions and the surfacing of new effective law enforcement techniques and innovations.
- 2. To continue to develop and obtain modern, effective training aids and equipment to assist in professional methods of instruction at the Academy.
- 3. To develop, through specialized training, professional law enforcement instructors to be utilized at the Academy, as well as in departmental in-service training programs.
- 4. To develop through specialized training, professional competant law enforcement administrators with the abilities necessary to further and upgrade the profession.
- 5. To enable criminal justice personnel to keep abreast of changes innovations and new techniques and procedures in their respective professions.
- 6. To promote high morale in law enforcement.
- 7. To instill confidence and professionalism through making available specialization in law enforcement training.
- 8. To promote interest in continuing education and training.
- 9. To encourage departmental in-service training programs and refresher courses by providing a film library and resource materials.
- 10. To improve law enforcement-community relations through knowledge and skills.
- 11. To make available to law enforcement personnel, training the field of pursuit and emergency driving by designing, developing and constructing a pursuit driving course and skid pan.

All of the above objectives, with the exception of #11, can be accomplished through the continuation of the Law Enforcement Academy Bureau's programs, as currently established, with logical funding increases to handle inflation and increased student totals. The objective regarding the pursuit driving course can only be met through cooperative funding between state and federal governments. Preliminary research indicates a cost factor of between \$500,000.00 and \$750,000.00 for a completed course. The benefits to be accrued from a course of this type, not only for local departments and the Department of Justice, but primarily for the people of Montana are those of safety and freedom from collection in civil suits. In recent years numerous Supreme Court decisions have held that municipalities as well as states are responsible for providing adequate training in firearms and other police functions, Today's training provides for the firearms necessities, but very little training is provided the officer regarding the weapon he uses more than any other: the automobile! Ultimately the people will have to pay for this responsibility, one way or another.

Overview

FY74 was a year of changes for the Law Enforcement Academy Bureau. Charles R. Skillen resigned as Chief in September and was replaced by Charles M. O'Reilly. Clark W. Price was appointed Police Instructor in October, and William F. Heinecke became Assistant Chief in December. On June 28, 1974 Mr. O'Reilly resigned as Bureau Chief.

During this fiscal year, 25 school were conducted over a period of 54 weeks of instruction. 561 student officers graduated from these courses. Detailed information about these schools is contained elsewhere in this report.

Basic Schools

A basic premise at the Academy is that course content be continually reviewed with regard to upgrading and expanding, in order to meet the needs of the law enforcement community. In accordance with this premise, the Basic School was expanded to include a minimum of 210 hours of instruction. Basic School is designed to provide the minimum education and training for officers new to the profession, and is a P. O. S. T. Council prerequisite for continued employment as a peace officer. The curriculum includes such areas as Arrest, Search and Seizure; Evidence: Montana Criminal Codes; Crime Scene Investigation; Patrol Procedures; Police-Community Relations; Fireness; Self-Defense; Medical Self Help; and many others.

Electronic Targets

Two "Duel-A-Tron C-90" electronic target systems, produced by Advanced Training Systems, Incorporated, were acquired. These systems are used extensively in advanced firearms training programs and have provided a new dimension to such training. We now have the capability to present simulated combat situations which require target identification and quick reaction under stress conditions. Response to the systems has been greatly enthusiastic.

Exploring Law Enforcement Conference

On May 25, 1974 an "Exploring Law Enforcement Conference" was held in Bozeman. 115 Explorer Scouts and advisors attended the session, which consisted of displays, demonstrations and talks by representatives of various law enforcement agencies in Montana. Agencies represented included police departments, sheriff's offices, the FBI, U. S. Forest Service, Montana Highway Patrol, Montana State Fish & Game, LETS Bureau, and the LEAB. The demonstrations were highlighted by a police weaponcraft demonstration presented by Lt. Dan Combs, Oklahoma Highway Patrol, who was also an instructor for the LEAB Firearms Instructors School which concluded that week. All participants volunteered their time and services. The response was tremendous and interest in the law enforcement profession was great. It is intended that this program become an annual event, and the resultant public relations and recruiting potential should be of great benefit to the state and its citizens.

State Agency Schools

Both the Montana Highway Patrol and the Department of Fish and Game held schools at the Academy in FY74. The 10 week Highway Patrol Recruit School was designed to train potential Highway patrolmen, and the Fish and Game

Warden Training School was the basic training session for hewly employed game wardens. The LEAB is pleased to be able to assist other departments and agencies with their training. Utilization of LEAB facilities and personnel results in fiscal savings to the taxpayers of the state.

Forest Service Law Enforcement School

As a result of the exceptional response to last year's Forest Service Law Enforcement School, the LEAB again contracted with the U. S. Forest Service to present a two-week school designed expressly for USFS law enforcement personnel. Seventeen officers attended the entire two-week course, and 27 graudates of last year's school attended the last three days as a retraining session. Last year's graduates were so enthused with that school they petitioned the Forest Service and received permission to wear the MLEA patch as a part of their uniform. This is the only non-organic emblem which is authorized to by worn by the Forest Service.

Child Molesters - Homicide School

In response to certain events of a criminal nature during the past year, the L.E.A.B. provided for a special Child Molesters — Homicide school, which was presented by expert FBI instructors from Quantico, Virginia and Butte, Montana. Thirty-five officers graduated from the course and many indicated that it would be of great benefit to them in future investigations.

PROGRAM COST SUMMARY ANALYSIS

Fiscal Year 1973 - 1974

EXPENDITURES

Personnel
Consultant Services
Travel (Including Student
Room & Board)

Equipment Operating Expenses

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

REVENUE SOURCES

Federal Funds
State & Private Funds

TOTAL REVENUE

\$ 68,065.00 5,641.00

> 89,169.00 4,505.00 60,776.00

\$228,156.00

\$200,000.00 28,156.00

\$228,156.00

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Program Background and Facilities

The Montana Law Enforcement Academy was created by the legislature in 1959 to "provide Montana law enforcement officers with a means of receiving additional training in the field of law enforcement". On September 1, 1972, the Montana Law Enforcement Academy became known as the Law Enforcement Academy Eureau under the I C I Division of the Department of Justice, headed by Attorney General Robert L. Woodahl, pursuant to the Executive Reorganization Act of 1971

The complete training program of many law enforcement officers was and is being accomplished at the Academy from the initial phase of recruit training to that of highly specialized law enforcement courses of instruction. Since its beginning the Academy has provided training not only to law enforcement personnel, but to all branches of the criminal justice system within Montana, surrounding states and Canada.

The facilities of the Academy are located on the campus of Montana State University in Bozeman. The dormitory in Colter Hall presently accommodates a minimum of 50 Academy students. Staff officer space and student lounge areas are adjacent to the dormitory rooms. Dining area, classrooms, and physical education facilities are in close proximity to the dormitory area. The Academy firing range, located east of Bozeman on the Kelly Canyon Road, has concrete firing lanes and positions, flood lights adjustable to various degrees of light for night firing, a classroom, heated range house and an adequate parking area.

Montana Peace Officer Statistics

Since August 1, 1971, the Law Enforcement Academy Bureau has been maintaining statistical information concerning law enforcement officers who have attended certain LEAB schools. Only those schools which pertain solely to law enforcement topics are included in the study. Among the types of schools included are: Basic, Advanced, Police Instructor, Firearms Instructor, Accident Investigation, Legal Training, Burglary, Death Investigation, and Finger-print Schools. The officers who attend these schools comprise a fair representation of the various types of law enforcement agencies in the state.

Comparison of Summaries A, B, and C indicate several trends. The average age has decreased by over one year, and the percentage of officers with college degrees has increased by 14%. The number of years of formal education is also increasing. More departments are providing uniforms and patrol vehicles for their men.

A new area has been included in 73-74 statistics, Firearms requalification. Although no comparisons with other years are available, it is alarming to note that 42% of the officers included in this study were not required to qualify at least annually with their weapons. Qualification is mandatory at LEAB Basic and Advanced schools, and firearms training is an important aspect of those schools. The regional training program should help fill this gap to some extent.

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SUMMARY A MONTANA PEACE OFFICER STATISTICS August 1971 - July 1973

Average age: 33 years 3 months

Total Students:

Average time in law enforcement:

5 years 2 months

Average number of years of formal schooling:

12 years 5 months

Average number of hours of formal police training:

311 hours

Most common major in school:

Police Science

Percentage of class having college degrees:

5.9%

Percentage of departments supplying uniforms:

67.2%

Percentage of departments supplying patrol vehicles:

85.7%

SERVICE WEAPON INFORMATION

Most common makes:

S&W=79.6% Colt=15.9%

Other=4.5%

Most common barrel lengths: 2"=9.8%

4"=75%

6''=10.5%

21.6%

Other=4.7%

Most common calibers:

.38=40%

.357=54.9%

9mm=2%

Other=3.1%

Average age of weapon:

4 years 7 months

Percentage of departments supplying service weapons:

Average conditions of weapons:

Excellent

40.5%

53.4%

Poor

SUMMARY R MONTANA PEACE OFFICER STATISTICS July 1973 - June 1974

Average age:

32 years

Total Students:

327

Average time in law enforcement:

5 years

3 months

Average number of years formal schooling:

12 years 9 months

Average number of hours formal police training 275 hours

Most common major in school: Police Science

Percentage of class having college degrees: 19%.

74%

Percentage of departments supplying uniforms:

Percentage of departments supplying patrol vehicles:

93%

SERVICE WEAPON INFORMATION

Most common makes:

S&W=73%

Colt=13%

Other=14%

Most common barrel lengths:

2"=4%

4''=70%

6''=15%

Other=11%

Most common calibers:

.38=28%

.357=69%

9mm=2%

Other=1%

Percentage of departments supplying service weapons:

Average condition of weapons: Excellent

57%

Good

39%

Fair

3% 1%

Required to qualify weapon:

Not reduired

42%

Annually |

21%

Semi-Ahnually

More Often

10%

MONTANA PEACE OFFICER COMBINED STATISTICS August 1971 - June 1974

Average age: 32 years 11 months

Total Students:

1,186

Average time in law enforcement:

5 years 2 months

Average number of years formal schooling: 12 years 7 months

Average number of hours formal police training: 301 hours

Most common major in school: Police Science

Percentage of class having college degrees! 91%

Percentage of departments supplying uniforms:

Percentage of departments supplying patro! vehicles:

SERVICE WEAPON INFORMATION

Other=8% Most common makes: S&W=77% Colt=15%

Most common barrel lengths: 2"=8% 4"=74% 6"=12% Other=6%

.38=37% .357=58% 9mm=2% Other=3% Most common calibers:

Percentage of departments supplying service weapons:

Average condition of weapons: Excellent 45%

Good 49%

Fair 5%

Poor 1%

TABLE I

July 1973 - June 1974 SCHOOLS AND NUMBER OF STUDENTS ATTENDING

NUMBER OF GRADUATES FROM EACH SCHOOL PRIOR TO JULY 1973

	<u> </u>		
Name of School	Graduates	Name of School Gradua	tes
1959		1969	
Basic	37	Basic	68
1960	į,	Major Case Recruit	32 31
Basic	40	Latent Fingerprints Photography	19 16
1961	•	Police Management	25
Basic Major Case	38 29	1970 January - June 30	
_	25	Parole & Probation Narcotics	35- 28
1962 Basic	39.	Legal Training	18
Major Case	22	Classification of Fingerprints Photography	12
1963		Recruit I	30
Basic	44	Basic 1 Major Case 1	44 15
1964		Police Management II Fish & Game	18 22
Basic Major Case	45 26	Recruit II	20
	20	1970 - 1971 Fiscal Year	
1965 Basic	46	Basic 2 Major Case II	28 17
Major Case	31	Fireams	15
1966		Coroners Corrections & Rehabilitation	22 25
Basic	39	Adult Parole & Probation Narcotics	18 40
Major Case	37	Legal Training	17
1967		Classification of Fingerprints Sex Crimes	8
Basic' Major Case'	74 32	Latent Fingerprints Photography	11 ⁻
1968		Recruit I Administrative Civil Disorder	23 26
Basic	72	Justice of the Peace	36
Major Case	24	Basic 1 Major Case 1	39 19
		Gas Chromatography	34

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Name of School Gradua	ites ,	Name of School Graduate	ຮ
1971 - 1972 Fiscal Year	. ≰.:	1972 - 1973 Fiscal Year	
Gross Vehicle Weight I	25		20
Gross Vehicle Weight II	26 :		30
Fish & Game Recruit	14		8
Recruit II	19	4	6
Basic School	18		22
Firearms Training	11		7
Major Case	13-₁		36
Campus Security Officers	11		26
Death Investigation	19		6
Identi-Kit	23		27
Recruit III	56		7
Police Management	17		35
1st Volunteers Seminar	50	Parole & Probation 2	29
Accident Investigation	24	Legal Training School 3	33
Probation & Parole	24		35
Burglary School	46	Narcotics School 3	32
Legal Training	36	Photography School 1	6
Narcotics	25	Classification of Fingerprints	8
Classification of Fingerprints	17	Latent Fingerprints	5
Photography	17	Prosecutor Training Seminar 3	32
Latent Fingerprints	19		34
Basic 1	37		34
Advanced 1	30		35
Firearms Training	23		27
Gas Chromatography	17		8
NRA Firearms Instructors	37	Forest Service Law Enforcement 3	
Fish & Game Recruit. School	. 8	Basic School - 6th Session 3	31
Basic 2	32		
1			
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TOTAL		2,98	30
TOTAL		2,50	14

TABLE III

TOTAL GRADUATES FROM TYPES OF SCHOOLS HELD 1959 - JUNE 1974

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SCHOOL ;				TOTAL
Accident Investigation				56
Administration of Civil Disorder				26
Adult Probation & Parole	1			77.
Advanced Schools	- #			129
Arson Investigation	i de la companya di seriesa di se			23-
Automatic Pistol Course				8
Basic Schools			ť	994
Bomb Scene Investigation		<i>I</i>		17
Burglary	j	- 1 /:		106
Campus Security Officers				11
Child Molesters - Homicide	J	f^{-1}		34
Classification of Fingerprints				.60
Coroners School				.22
Corrections and Rehabilitation	•		•	25
Death Investigation		1 1		136
Firearms Schools	•			. 72
Fish & Game Recruit				5 7
Forest Service Law Enforcement				79
Gas Chromatography				51
Gross Vehicle Weight				51
Highway Patrol Recruit				48
Identi-Kit		•		23
Justice of the Peace & Police Judg	e			151
Latent Fingerprints				74
Legal Training	1	-		133
Major Schools				297
Montana Seminar on Volunteers in C	orrections	+ 2		135
Narcotics				125
N. R. A. Firearms	;			55
Photography				85
Police Instructors School	•			24
Police Management .	1		•	76
Probation & Parole				71
Prosecutor Training Seminar	i i			66
Recruit Schools				179
Regional Training Schools				, 15
Sex Crimes				179 15 8 22
Vehicle Arson School		'.		22
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TOTAL				3,521

TABLE I

TOTAL NUMBER OF GRADUATES BY YEARS

		·	•				
Year	•	·:	Å, ···			. '	Total
1959			4			ı	. 37
1960		1	1				40
1961	; · ·			1 1	1 11 4		67
1962					4.2.		61
1963							44
1964	i i						71
1965							77
1966				i			. 76
1967		4. \frac{1}{2}					106
1968		;					96
1969		;	•				. 191
1970 January-	June		!	7.5			260
1970–1971 FY		~		1 1			. 408
1971–1972 FY	,	•	•	1		-	694
1972–1973 FY		* #					734
1973–1974 FY	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·						559
TOTAL					The state of the s	-	3,521
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1,386

TABLE V

MONTANA POLICE DEPARTMENT GRADUATES

. 1959 THROUGH JUNE 1974

CITY	TOTAL	CITY	TOTAL
Alberton	8	Hardin	1
Anaconda	23	Harlen	2
Baker	20	Harlowton	. 7
Belgrade	3	Havre	40
Belt	2	Helena	104
Big Fork	ĩ	Hot Springs	4
Big Sandy	ī	Kalispell	77
Big Timber	ī	Laurel	ii
Billings	161	Lewistown	50
boulder	4	Libby	39
Bozeman	75	Livingston	36
Bridger	3	Malta	3
Broadus	1	Miles City	26
Butte	92	Missoula	116
Cascade	2	Philipsburg	5
Chester	2	Plains	5 . 1
hoteau	4.	Plentywood	10
hinook	2	Polson	19
Columbia Falls	17	Poplar	3
Columbus	2	Red Lodge	7
Conrad	6	Rohan	13
Culbertson	$\ddot{2}$	Roundup	4 , 1
Cut Bank	· • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	Scobey	5 1 -
Deer Lodge	14	Shelby	26
Denton	2	Sheridan y	1
Dillon	28	Sidney	27
rummond	1	Stevensville	3
East Helena.	3	St. Ignatius \int_{0}^{T}	2 1
klaka	3	Sunburst	1
nnis	6	Superior /	7
lureka	5	Three Forks	8 ; ;
Fairfield	3	Townsend	6
Fairview	1	Troy	5
Forsyth	9	Valier	1
Fort Benton	6	Walkerville	1
Fromberg	2	West Yellowstone	3
Geraldine	. 1	Whitefish	3 9 2
Glasgow	29	Whitehall	2
Glendive	45	White Sulphur Springs	4
Great Falls	83	Wibaux	1
•		Wolf Point	10

TOTAL

TABLE VI

MONTANA SHERIFF OFFICE GRADUATES

COUNTY	TOTAL !	COUNTY	TOTAL
Beaverhead Big Horn Blaine Broadwater Carbon Carter Cascade Chouteau Custer Daniels Dawson Fergus Flathead Gallatin Garfield Glacier Golden Valley Hill Jefferson Judith Basin Lake Lewis & Clark Liberty Lincoln	15 10 8 1 7 3 73 9 9 1 8 20 80 90 3 3 1 13 3 3 29 49 3 55	Madison Mineral Missoula Musselshell Park Phillips Pondera Powder River Powell Ravalli Richland Roosevelt Rosebud Sanders Sheridan Silver Bow Stillwater Sweet Grass Teton Toole Valley Wheatland Wibaux Yellowstone	15 7 60 3 1 1 39 6 14 25 3 12 10 24 11 42 1 2 11 43 25 5 1
TOTAL	!		931

